

# Preserving the People's Heritage

By Representative Ceott Ferris of Oklahoma, Chairman of House Committee on Public Lands and Author of the Ferris Homestead Law and Other Conservation Measures in the U. S. Congress.

There is no need to argue the question of conservation to the American people; they are educated to its importance and alive to its necessity. It is attempted in this short article only to show how thoroughly the present Democratic administration has guarded the heritage of the whole people from exploitation and usurpation by the few an dpassed or inaugurated legislation which will preserve and make useful to the whole nation our public domain.

The nation, in spite of the tremendous waste under Republican administrations, is still rich in natural resources and has vast property interests to be protected. Several hundred million acres of unentered, unappropriated land still remain in public ownership. Some of it is mountain land, some semi-arid, some almost total waste land. The Wilson policy is that this vast domain shall be used for the advancement and good of the whole people, not the enrichment of the few. It shall be made habitable and turned into American homes.

The Homestead Law, which was passed the House, is now on the Senate calendar and will soon become a law enlarging the homestead unit from 160 to 640 acres, so that an American farmer will find it possible to go upon this land and establish an American home. Thus will the waste places be made glad and homes take the place of wilderness.

There is thirty-five million potential horsepower of hydroelectric energy in the United States, six million developed and in use, twenty-nine million running idly to the sea. Of this last the Interior Department administers on about twenty-five million, and about seven million is under the jurisdiction of the War Department. But all of it under the determined policy of President Wilson is being conserved and developed for the use of present and coming generations of Americans. The lax laws, the lack of proper laws, the faulty administration, the exploitation and waste of our public domain, all have been remedied and stopped.

A timberless nation is weak at a vital point. The one hundred and sixty-five million acres of forest reserves, which must furnish this and succeeding generations of Americans an adequate timber supply, have been rigorously protected and conserved by the Wilson administration. No longer are there timber thievery, frauds and depredations.

No chain is stronger than its weakest link; any nation is crippled which does not possess and control an adequate fuel supply. The fifty-three million acres of coal land containing four hundred and fifty billion tons of coal, still in public ownership, is an estate belonging to the American people of inestimable value. So well has the Wilson administration conserved this great asset that the most fault-finding opponent finds no ground for criticism of it.

The recent great development in the use of oil as a motive power in ships, automobiles, airplanes, and various other engines has made it imperative that the five million acres of oil land still in public possession be most carefully conserved. The Wilson administration, with true and

patriotic foresight, has established naval reserves in the far west, so that now and in the far future our navy, our industries and our homes are assured of an adequate oil supply. No longer are valuable oil lands passed to patent at a dollar and a quarter an acre.

How different is this from the Taft administration? The Ballinger scandals in the west, the Guggenheim scandals in Alaska, the water-site, coal land and oil land grabs on all sides are fresh in the minds of the people. But no whisper of scandal or even carelessness or inefficiency is heard of the Wilson administration.

What has been said of the other public lands is true of the two million seven hundred and eighty thousand acres of phosphate lands, which contain roughly twenty billion tons of phosphates easily worth thirty billion dollars, and available to American farmers for fertilization purposes. Here, too, the Wilson administration has exercised the same vigilance and care and there is no same absence of criticism.

Alaska, that wonderful storehouse of riches, was by preceding administrations first maltreated, then neglected. There were the Guggenheim frauds and scandals. Coal, timber, and oil lands, harbor and wharfage sites were frittered away with no concern for the rights of the hundred million Americans who owned them. Then when public opinion became outraged, this regime of waste and exploitation was succeeded by a period of stagnation, and Alaska was locked up, its resources unused, its growth stopped. It fairly began to wither and die.

But with the Wilson administration came a change and an awakening, a new and better era for Alaska. Fraud and scandal and rumors of fraud have ceased. Alaska has come into her own, and all American can rejoice in and enjoy her princely worth.

The national parks spell health and happiness to the American people. We have in national parks and monuments nearly five million acres. Under the national parks service law, passed by the Wilson administration, these parks are being enlarged and beautified, and made accessible by good roads.

The CONSERVATION policy and record of achievement of President Wilson commands itself with invincible force to all believers in conservation. It has been wise, consistent, strong and energetic, and great in accomplishment.

## NEW PIPE ORGAN

Plans were received this week by Judge A. H. Ferguson for the new pipe organ to be installed in the First Presbyterian Church, and which will cost upward of \$2,500. Installed and ready to operate. The organ is built especially to fit the set-in in the rostrum back of the pulpit, and will be among the finest organs in Oklahoma. The installation is to be completed by October 15th, according to the contract.

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## CADDO BOYS SMASH AUTO

Plunged Down Embankment at Red River Bridge, Car Turning Three Somersaults.—Occupants Are Not Seriously Injured.

"Five young men from Caddo, Oklahoma, had a narrow escape from serious injury or death yesterday (Thursday) evening, about 6 o'clock, when the automobile in which they were occupants plunged down the 20-foot embankment just south of Red River bridge on the Texas side. The machine is said to have made three complete somersaults before reaching the bottom. The boys received only slight bruises, while the auto was almost completely demolished.

"The young men came over yesterday to take the car back home, it having been at a local garage undergoing repairs. Before departing it is alleged that they imbibed quite freely of "joy-water" and possibly decided to break a few records before reaching home. It is almost miraculous that they were not all seriously injured. The two front wheels of the auto were smashed, the windshield demolished and both seats smashed in, and the top ruined. The boys returned to Denison to tell their troubles. The car will be picked up in pieces."—Denison Morning Gazette.

## SCHOOL CHILDREN

Superintendent O. E. Parris of the Durant Public Schools has undertaken to see that every school child in the city of Durant attends school this year, and in that work he will have the co-operation of the city authorities to the fullest extent, it has been announced.

In years past there have been about 200 children of school age in this city who have not been in attendance at the public schools or any other schools, the law is that regard having been neglected. The law is very plain on the subject, and compulsory attendance is easily and quickly enforced.

It is suggested by the authorities that persons having children of school age, not in school, see that they are enrolled at once, and save themselves unnecessary trouble and annoyance.

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